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Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 1000
Hartford, CT 06106

Chair, Representative Claire Janowski
Chair, Senator Bob Duff

Dear Committee Chairs and Members,

It is with pleasure that I support the nomination of Miriam Delphin-Rittmon to be appointed as Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. As someone who has been involved personally and professionally in the recovery movement in Connecticut, I feel strongly that she would lead the department to continue the leadership to support people obtaining recovery and living in the communities of their choice as productive citizens in the state of Connecticut.

It has been the mission and commitment of the persons involved in the consumer movement to fight for our rights and our involvement in all aspects of our lives. We know that with the appointment of Commissioner Delphin-Rittmon, we will work in collaboration with her and our efforts will be united. Our knowledge of her experience, values and dedication will support our continued growth to maintain and achieve our recovery.

I urge you to consider her nomination because we know it will be good for the mental health and addiction community to have someone who values and supports our input and believes that we can, and do recover.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Karen A. Kangas
Director of Operations

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